IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MCALLEN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
v.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 7:20-cv-00392
	§	
0.189 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS,	§	
SITUATE IN STARR COUNTY, STATE OF	§	
TEXAS, JESUS ALBERTO GONZALEZ, et	§	
al.,	§	
Defendants.	§	

COMPLAINT IN CONDEMNATION

- 1. This is a civil action brought by the United States of America at the request of the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, through the Acquisition Program Manager, Wall Program Management Office, U.S. Border Patrol Program Management Office Directorate, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, for the taking of property under the power of eminent domain through a Declaration of Taking, and for the determination and award of just compensation to the owners and parties in interest.
- 2. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1358.
- 3. The interest in property taken herein is under and in accordance with the authority set forth in Schedule "A."
- 4. The public purpose for which said interest in property is taken is set forth in Schedule "B."
- 5. The legal description and map or plat of land in which certain interests are being acquired by the filing of this Complaint, pursuant to the Declaration of Taking, are set forth in Schedules "C" and "D."

6. The interest being acquired in the property described in Schedules "C" and "D" is

set forth in Schedule "E."

7. The amount of just compensation estimated for the property interest being acquired

is set forth in Schedule "F."

8. The names and addresses of known parties having or claiming an interest in said

acquired property are set forth in Schedule "G."

9. Local and state taxing authorities may have or claim an interest in the property by

reason of taxes and assessments due and eligible.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests judgment that the interest described in Schedule "E" of

the property described in Schedules "C" and "D" be condemned, and that just compensation for

the taking of said interest be ascertained and awarded, and for such other relief as may be lawful

and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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Southern District of Texas

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SCHEDULE A

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AUTHORITY FOR THE TAKING

The property is taken under and in accordance with 40 U.S.C. §§ 3113 and 3114, which authorize the condemnation of land and the filing of a Declaration of Taking; the Act of Congress approved September 30, 1996, as Public Law 104-208, Division C, Section 102, 110 Stat. 3009-546, 3009-554-55, as amended and codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1103(b) & note; and the Act of Congress approved February 15, 2019, as Public Law 116-6, div. A, tit. II, Section 230, 133 Stat. 13, which appropriated the funds that shall be used for the taking.

SCHEDULE B

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PUBLIC PURPOSE

The public purpose for which said property is taken is to construct, install, operate, and maintain roads, fencing, vehicle barriers, security lighting, cameras, sensors, and related structures designed to help secure the United States/Mexico border within the State of Texas.

SCHEDULE C

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Starr County, Texas

Tract: RGV-RGC-5027

Owner: Jesus Alberto Gonzalez, et al.

Acres: 0.189

BEING a 0.189 acre tract (8,232 square feet) parcel of land, more or less, being out of a of a called 0.619 acre tract, recorded in Document No. 1977-94967, Official Records of Starr County (O.R.S.C.), Texas, conveyed to the unknown heirs of Aurora P. Gonzalez, Jesus Alberto Gonzalez and Maria De Jesus Gonzalez, said tract being a part of Share 26, Porcion 70, Ancient Jurisdiction of Camargo, Mexico, now Starr County, Texas, said 0.189 acre tract (8,232 square feet) parcel of land being more particularly described as follows;

COMMENCING: at a set 5/8" rebar with a "B&F Engineering, Inc." aluminum cap stamped "RGV-RGC-5023-1-1= RGV-RGC-5026-1=RGV-RGC-5086-1=RGV-RGC-5087-1", having a coordinate value of N=16670430.031, E=843453.130, said point also being the southwest corner of a called 0.52 acre tract, recorded in Document No. 2012-307259, Official Records of Starr County (O.R.S.C.), Texas, conveyed to Brenda De La Cruz and Jorge Ramos, the southwest corner of said Share 26, the northwest corner of a called 6.092 acre tract, recorded in Document No's. 2012-308662 and 2012-308406, Official Records of Starr County (O.R.S.C.), Texas, conveyed to David Escobar and Heraldo Escobar, the northwest corner of Share 20-A, Porcion 70, the northeast corner of a called 10.349 acre tract, recorded in Document No.1992-161809, Official Records of Starr County (O.R.S.C.), Texas, conveyed to Rosabel Garza, et al, the northeast corner of Share 149, Porcion 70, the southeast corner of a called 1.86 acre tract, recorded in Document No. 2009-280783, Official Records of Starr County (O.R.S.C.), Texas, conveyed to Juan Jesus De La Cruz, Jr. and the southeast corner of Share 6-C, Porcion 70:

THENCE: S 58°42'52" E, along the south line of said Brenda De La Cruz and Jorge Ramos tract, the south line of said Share 26, the north line of said David Escobar and Heraldo Escobar tract and the north line of said Share 20-A, passing at 50.06 feet the southwest corner of a called 0.413 acre tract, recorded in Document No. 2016-333454, Official Records of Starr County (O.R.S.C.), Texas, conveyed to Mario Gasca, in total a distance of 90.06 feet to a found point designated as "RGV-RGC-5027-1=RGV-RGC-5088-4" for the **POINT OF BEGINNING**, said point having a coordinate value of N=16670383.261, E=843530.098, said point being the southwest corner of the herein described proposed acquisition tract, said point being the southwest corner of said

unknown heirs of Aurora P. Gonzalez, et al tract and the southeast corner of said Mario Gasca tract, said point also being S 64°34'05" E, a distance of 5004.05 feet from United States Corps of Engineers Control Point No. SS09-2019 ("B&F Engineering, Inc." aluminum cap in concrete);

THENCE: N 31°13'45" E, along the west line of said unknown heirs of Aurora P. Gonzalez, et al tract and the east line of said Mario Gasca tract, a distance of 143.54 feet to a set 5/8" rebar with a "B&F Engineering, Inc." aluminum cap stamped "RGV-RGC-5027-2=RGV-RGC-5088-3" for the northwest corner of the herein described proposed acquisition tract;

THENCE: S 46°46′54" E, departing the west line of said unknown heirs of Aurora P. Gonzalez, et al tract and the east line of said Mario Gasca tract, over and across said unknown heirs of Aurora P. Gonzalez, et al tract, a distance of 61.34 feet to a set 5/8" rebar with a "B&F Engineering, Inc." aluminum cap stamped "RGV-RGC-5027-3=5089-3" for the northeast corner of the herein described proposed acquisition tract, said point being on the east line of said unknown heirs of Aurora P. Gonzalez, et al tract, the east line of said Share 26, the west line of a called 0.826 acre tract, recorded in Document No. 1994-168582, Official Records of Starr County (O.R.S.C.), Texas, conveyed to Daniela Z. Moreno and the west line of Share 4-B, Porcion 70;

THENCE: S 31°13'45" W, along the east line of said unknown heirs of Aurora P. Gonzalez, et al tract, the east line of said Share 26, the west line of said Daniela Z. Moreno tract and the west line of said Share 4-B, a distance of 130.86 feet to a found point designated as "RGV-RGC-5027-4=RGV-RGC-5089-2" for the southeast corner of the herein described proposed acquisition tract, said point being the southeast corner of said unknown heirs of Aurora P. Gonzalez, et al tract, the southeast corner of said Share 26, the southwest corner of said Daniela Z. Moreno tract and the southwest corner of said Share 4-B, said point also being on the north line of said David Escobar and Heraldo Escobar tract, and the north line of said Share 20-A;

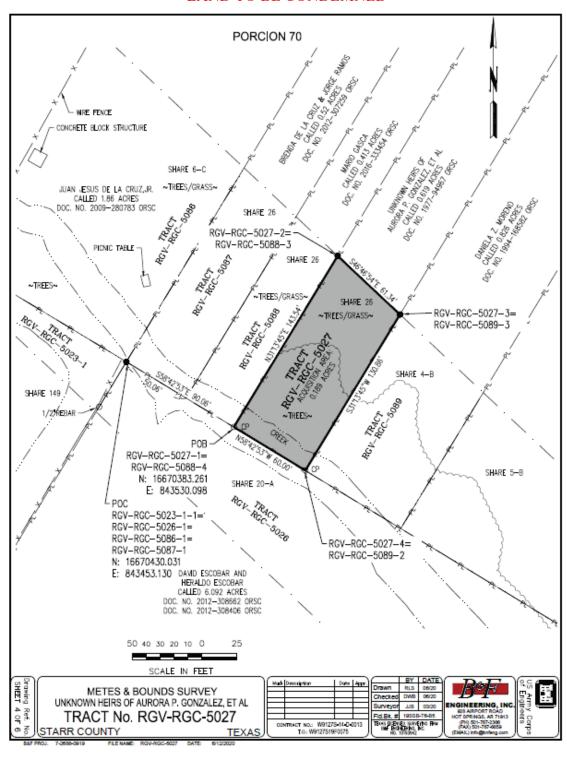
THENCE: N 58°42'53" W, along the south line of said unknown heirs of Aurora P. Gonzalez, et al tract, the south line of said Share 26, the north line of said David Escobar and Heraldo Escobar tract and the north line of said Share 20-A, a distance of 60.00 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING** and containing 0.189 acre tract (8,232 square feet) parcel of land, more or less.

SCHEDULE D

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MAP or PLAT

LAND TO BE CONDEMNED



SCHEDULE D, cont'd.

DESCRIPTION NORTHING EASTING RGV-RGC-5027-1=RGV-RGC-5088-4 16670383.261 843530.098 RGV-RGC-5027-2=RGV-RGC-5088-3 843604.518 16670506.001 RGV-RGC-5027-3=RGV-RGC-5089-3 16670463.998 843649.218 RGV-RGC-5027-4=RGV-RGC-5089-2 16670352.103 843581.373

LEGEND

ORSC OFFICIAL RECORDS OF STARR COUNTY

DRSC DEED RECORDS OF STARR COUNTY

DOC. DOCUMENT

NO. NUMBER

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POB POINT OF BEGINNING

POC POINT OF COMMENCING

SET 5/8" REBAR W/ "B&F" CAP AS NOTED

FOUND MONUMENT AS NOTED

o[₽] COMPUTED POINT

ACQUISITION AREA BOUNDARY

__*__ FENCE LINE --PL ---- PROPERTY UNE

---- EDGE OF WATER

GENERAL SURVEYOR'S NOTES:

- 1. THE BEARINGS, DISTANCES AND COORDINATE VALUES SHOWN HEREON ARE BASED ON THE TEXAS STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, REFERENCED TO NAD 83(2011), TX SOUTH ZONE(4205), US SURVEY FEET, USING THE CORS(2011) ADJUSTMENT. THE DISTANCES AND COORDINATES SHOWN HEREON ARE GRID VALUES AND MAY BE CONVERTED TO GROUND (SURFACE) USING THE TXDOT COUNTY PUBLISHED COMBINED SCALE FACTOR OF 1.000040000 (E.G. GRID X 1.000040000 = SURFACE).
- A SEPARATE METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION OF EQUAL DATE WAS WRITTEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS SURVEY PLAT.
- 3. THE SQUARE FOOTAGE TOTAL RECITED HEREIN IS BASED ON MATHEMATICAL CALCULATIONS AND SUBJECT TO THE RULES OF ROUNDING AND SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS
- THE REMAINING ACREAGE OF THE PARENT TRACT WAS CALCULATED FROM THE RECORDED INSTRUMENTS AND IS NOT BASED ON FIELD DIMENSIONS. SEE SURVEYORS REPORT FOR BOUNDARY AND REMAINING ACREAGE NOTES.
- 5. FIELD SURVEY WAS COMPLETED IN APRIL 2020
- 6. THIS SURVEY WAS PREPARED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A TITLE COMMITMENT.
- 7. BAF ENGINEERING, INC. HAS PROVIDED THESE SURVEY SERVICES TO THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS AS THE PRIME CONSULTANT. THE CORP'S CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE IS STEPHEN CORLEY, RPLS (817) 886-1143.
- 8. LONESTAR 811 UTILITY LOCATE REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED FOR THIS SURVEY ON APRIL 2, 2020 (TICKET NO. 2059362327).

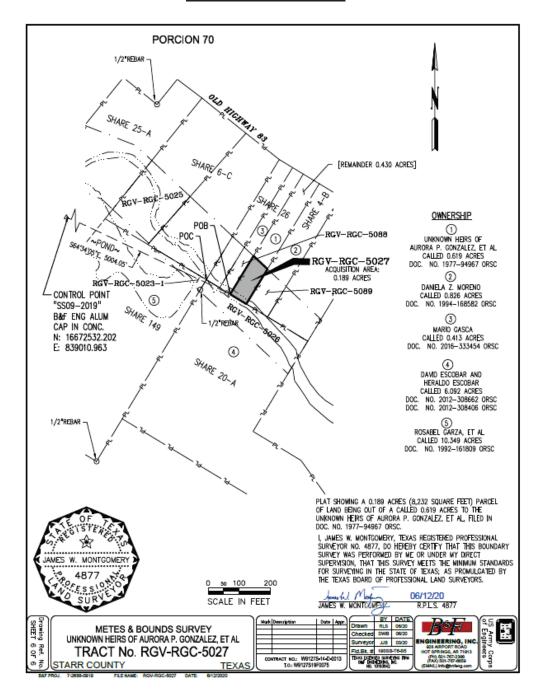
METES & BOUNDS SURVEY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF AURORA P. GONZALEZ, ET AL TRACT No. RGV-RGC-5027 STARR COUNTY

Mark Description Date Appr. W91278-14-D-0013

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NGINEERING, INC

SCHEDULE D, cont'd.



Tract: RGV-RGC-5027

Owner: Jesus Alberto Gonzalez, et al.

Acreage: 0.189

SCHEDULE E

SCHEDULE E

ESTATE TAKEN

Starr County, Texas

Tract: RGV-RGC-5027

Owner: Jesus Alberto Gonzalez, et al.

Acres: 0.189

The estate taken is fee simple, subject to existing easements for public roads and highways, public utilities, railroads, and pipelines; and subject to all interests in minerals and appurtenant rights for exploration, development, production and removal of said minerals;

Excepting and excluding all interests in water rights and water distribution and drainage systems, if any, provided that any surface rights arising from such water rights or systems are subordinated to the United States' construction, operation and maintenance of the border barrier.

SCHEDULE F

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ESTIMATE OF JUST COMPENSATION

The sum estimated as just compensation for the land being taken is FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO/100 (\$5,000.00), to be deposited herewith in the Registry of the Court for the use and benefit of the persons entitled thereto.

SCHEDULE G

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INTERESTED PARTIES

The following table identifies all persons who have or claim an interest in the property condemned and whose names are now known, indicating the nature of each person's property interest(s) as indicated by references in the public records and any other information available to the United States. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 71.1(c).

Interested Party	Reference
Jesus Alberto Gonzalez	RGV-RGC-5027
	General Warranty Deed, Document No.
Grand Prairie, TX	1977-94967, Volume 406, Page 665;
	Starr County, Texas, Official Deed
Maria de Jesus Gonzalez	Records
Address unknown	
Unknown Heirs of Aurora P. Gonzalez	
Ameida Salinas	RGV-RGC-5027
Starr County Tax Assessor & Collector	Property Id. 45704
100 N. FM 3167	Geographic Id. 00085-07000-01470-
Rio Grande City, Texas 78582	001000

JS 44 (Rev. 06/17)

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				County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Starr (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION O THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.						
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, A	Address, and Telephone Number	r)		Attorneys (If Known)						
AUSA Baltazar Salazar, Suite 201, Brownsville, T			treet,							
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

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- **I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
 - United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here. United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.
 - Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.
 - Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.
 - Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.
 - Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.
 - Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
 - Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date. Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.
 - Multidistrict Litigation Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407
 - Multidistrict Litigation Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket.

 PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7. Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statue.
- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity. Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

 Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.

 Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.